

Alamance Regional Medical Center

Use of 3 Way Bed Contracts

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- 210 Bed Hospital Located in Burlington, NC
- 25 Bed Inpatient Psychiatric Unit
- Contracted for 4- 3way Beds
- Average Length of Stay= 5.13 Days
- Close Proximity to
 - Moses Cone Hospital
 - UNC Hospital
 - Duke Hospital
 - Forsyth Medical Center
 - Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

Historical Issues For Hospitals

- Decrease in State Psychiatric Bed Capacity
- Overcrowded ED's
- High Recidivism Among Behavioral Health Patients
- Disconnect Between the Local Hospital, State Hospital, Law Enforcement, and LME
- Safety Concerns in the ED
- Lack of Funding Sources For Indigent Patients

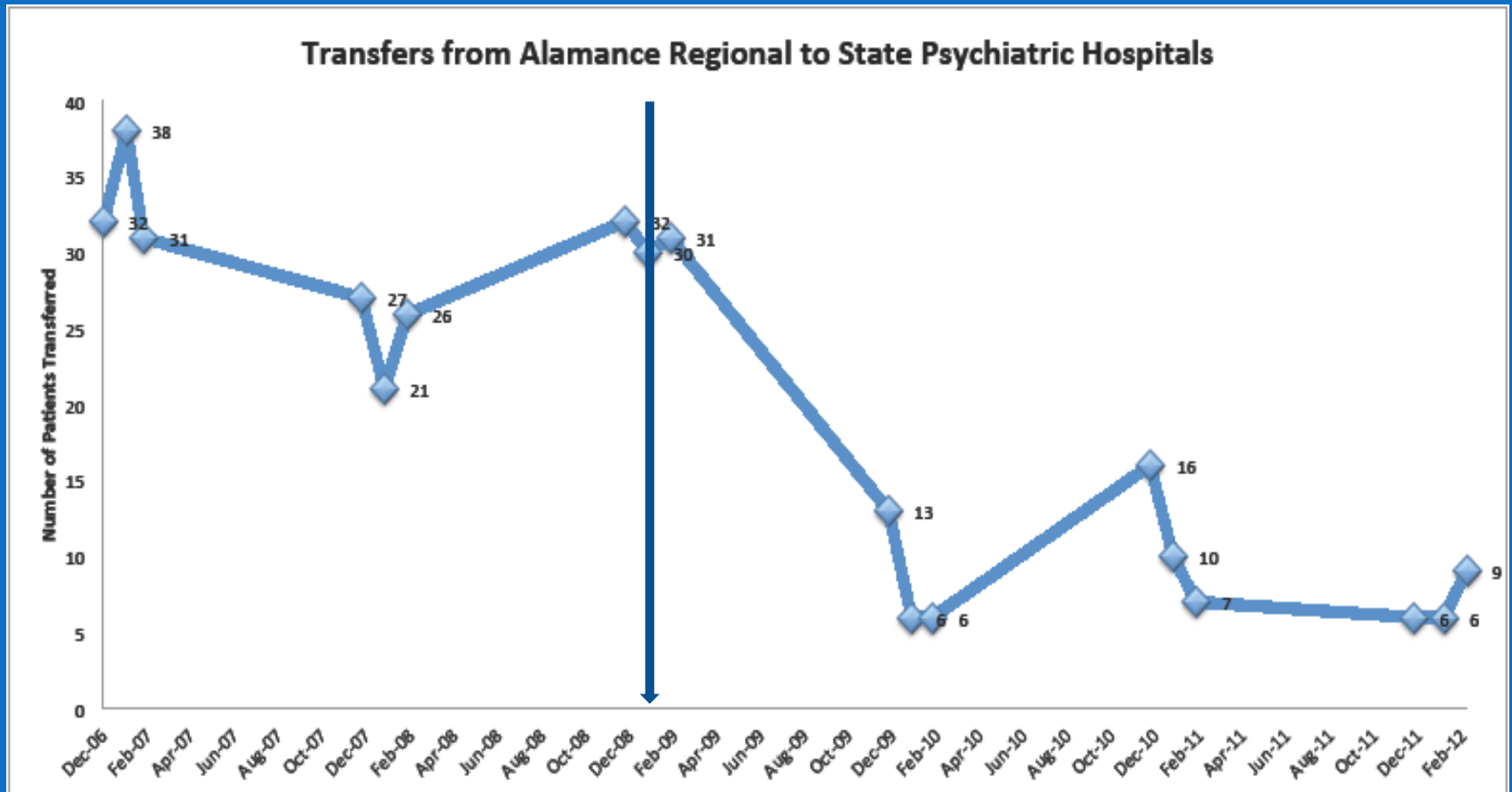
General Assembly Action

Identified funding for hospitalizations
for uninsured patients in 3-way
contracts between DHHS, LMEs and
local hospitals.

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- Alamance Regional Contracts with Alamance-Caswell Rockingham LME and DHHS for 8 beds

Transfers to State Hospital



Benefits To Hospital

- Ability to Serve More Patients
- Ability to Serve Patients Locally
- Increased Community Engagement Upon Discharge
- Supports Accepting Indigent Patients in Need of Care
- Increased Utilization of Available Beds
- Enhanced Continuum of Care

Benefits to Community

- Patients Able to be Served in Their Community
- Strengthened Relationship Between Hospital and LME
- Increased Community Engagement Upon Discharge
- Incentive for Local Hospitals to Take Ownership of Behavioral Health Patients with Shared Partnership
- Fostered Additional Relationships (i.e. Law Enforcement, Providers, etc.)
- Saving Tax Payer Dollars

Opportunities For Improvement

- More Clarity/Consistency in Capacity Availability
- Reduce Reimbursement Lag Time
- Directly Reimburse Hospitals
- Offer Higher Reimbursement Rate for Higher Acuity Patients